Increasing crime graph of Delhi

381. SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various types of crimes in Delhi are increasing; and

(b) the number of murders/robberies and atrocities against women during the last three years and the number of such cases in the first six months of the current calendar year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir. The number of IPC related cases reported in Delhi during the year 1999 was 58701 as against 64900 cases reported during the preceding year. Similarly, the number of such cases reported during the first six months of the current year was 27481 as against 28368 cases reported during the immediately preceding six months.

(b) The requisite information is given in the attached statement.

Statement

SI. No.	Head of Crime	1997	1998	1999	2000 (upto 30.6.2000)
1.	Murder	583	658	649	304
2.	Robbery	625	822	726	585
3.	Rape	553	445	402	246
4.	Dowry Death	148	128	122	63
5.	Molestation of Women	675	649	588	276
6.	406-A (Relating to Dowry)	16	26	20	2
7.	Dowry Prohibition Act	10	1 1	8	5
8.	Kidnapping	947	942	985	548

Attack on Christian Community

382. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of attacks on Christian Community which occurred in the country during the last two years, State-wise;

(b) the number of persons killed and the extent of damage to the property of this community;

(c) the number of persons arrested in this connection and action taken against them;

(d) whether any compensation has been paid to them;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps being taken by Government to check such incidents *to* instil the sense of security and safety among the people belonging to this community?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) As per available information the number of incidents of attacks on Christian community and the number of persons killed during the period January, 1998 upto June, 2000 are given in the Annexure [see Appendix 190, Annexure No. 3 (b) sapra]. The details of property damaged in such incidents are not maintained by the Central Government.

(e) to (f) In accordance with the provisions of Schedule VII List-II-State List of the Constitution of India, Public Order and Police are State subjects, and it is the primary responsibility of the States to register, investigate and detect/ prevent incidents of crime. Details of individual cases are not maintained at the Central level, however, as per the available information 5 persons belonging to an organization called the Deendar Anjuman, have been arrested in connection with the recent bomb blasts in the States or Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Goa. Compensation in such cases is paid by the concerned State Government as per their norms.

The Central Government shares intelligence inputs and sends advisories and alert messages to the States from time to time, and revised guidelines for the promotion of communal harmony have been issued in October, 1997. Central Para Military forces are made available to the States on specific requests. Assistance is also being provided for the modernization of the Policing infrastructure.

A high level meeting was convened on 04.07.2000 to review the situation and the State Government *were* urged to provide security to the extent possible to the minorities and their institutions and to deal firmly with the perpetrators of violence against them. The Government is firm in its commitment to safeguarding the interests of the minorities.

The Home Minister addressed a *meeting* of the State Chief Secretaries, Home Secretaries and Directors General of Police on 28th June 2000 where he strongly condemned all such incidents of attacks on Christians and their

institutions and urged the Stale Governments to apprehend the culprits quickly so that the guilty, irrespective of who they are, could be brought to book.

Chhatisingpura Massacre

383. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of Sikh families in the Valley before Chhatisingpura massacre;

(b) how many Sikh families have since migrated from the Valley;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to rehabilitate them; and

(d) what is the social scenario like in Chhatisingpura today?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Census was not conducted in Jammu & Kashmir in 1991 due to disturbed conditions prevailing there. As per 1981 census the population of Sikhs in J&K stood at 1,33,675 of which 33,177 belonged to the six districts of the Kashmir Valley.

(b) to (d) Only a few Sikh families living in the Valley may have temporarily migrated to Jammu. No Sikh family has disposed off land or other property as per information available with us. Deployment of Security Forces in areas inhabited by the Sikh and assurances by the Stale Government/Muslim leaders have instilled confidence in the community.

Amendments to the Official Secrets Act

384. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to amend the Official Secrets Act of the British days; and

(b) if so, the lines on which it is sought to be amended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.